

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Garth D. Richmond on 10/10/2008.

In claim 1, line 8, after "criteria," add --first--.

In claim 1, line 9, after "analyzed" add --and second portions of the stored message not to be analyzed--.

In claim 1, line 10, "identified portions" was changed to --first portions--.

In claim 19, line 10, after "only" add --some and not other--.

In claim 20, line 8, after "message," add --where at least some portions of the message are not identified--.

In claim 37, line 7, after "select portions" add --that constitute less than an entirety--.

In claim 42, line 8, after "portions" add --and not an entirety of each--.

In claim 48, line 1, after "message" add --having a number of portions--.

In claim 48, line 6, before “portions” add --fewer than each of the number of--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1,3-7,9-11,14-29 and 31-53 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1, 19, the prior art references Dahlen and Aktas fail to teach requesting only the identified first portions of the stored message and analyzing the requested first portions of the message with respect to user-defined criteria to determine whether the message should be delivered to the receiving party based on one or more of the user-defined criteria. There is no suggestion or motivation in the references to combine with any other references to teach the limitation.

Regarding claim 20, the prior art references Dahlen, Aktas and thro fail to teach identifying, based on the user-identified criteria, portions of the message to be analyzed against the user-defined criteria and analyzing the identified portions of the message to determine whether the message should be delivered to the receiving party based on one or more of the user-defined criteria. There is no suggestion or motivation in the references to combine with any other references to teach the limitation.

Regarding claims 37 and 48, the prior art references Dahlen, Tullis and thro fail to teach requesting, based on information in a user profile associated with the receiving party, portions of the message for analysis using the user profile information to determine that the message is to be

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converted. There is no suggestion or motivation in the references to combine with any other references to teach the limitation.

Regarding claim 42, the prior art references Dahlen, Aktas and Henrick fail to teach identifying, based on the user profile, portions of the new messages for analysis using the user profile, requesting only the identified portions from the message server, determining whether the new messages should be delivered to the user based on the analysis of the requested portions using the user profile. There is no suggestion or motivation in the references to combine with any other references to teach the limitation.

Since claims 3-7,9-11,14-18, 21-29, 31-36, 38-41, 43-47 and 49-53 are dependent claims, these claims are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MD S. ELAHEE whose telephone number is (571)272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 9:00am to 5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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